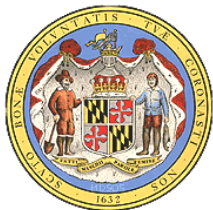


Justice Reinvestment Local Government Commission



Subject: November 2018 Meeting Minutes

Date: November 8, 2018

12:00 p.m. -1:00 p.m.

Board members: Robert Green (chair), Lamonte Cooke, Mary Lou McDonough, Lt. Timothy Fridman, Randy Martin, Herbert Dennis, Ross Passman

Absent: Ruth Colbourne, Sheriff Ronnie Howard, Jordan Lysczek, Councilman Don B. Satterfield, Lisa Thayer Welch, Corey Pack, Matthew Barrett, Sheriff Jim Dewees, Jack Kavanaugh, Dan Lasher, James Proctor, Joe Ryan, Lt. Richard Wiersberg, Lt. Peter Wild

Also in attendance: Representatives from the Mental Health Association of Maryland

The Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention: Angelina Guarino, Senior Director of Justice Reinvestment & Daniel Atzmon, Law Enforcement Diversion Expansion Coordinator

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Robert Green at 12:10 p.m.

II. Discussion of Local Recommendations and Follow up

The meeting began with an overview of recommendations made by the board throughout the year to arrive on a consensus of needs to be relayed to the Oversight Board and action items to be adopted in 2019. The Board discussed the expansion of the local detention programming inventory to include a more rigorous evaluation of programs' evidence basis, availability of specialized program for men and women, specifically trauma informed programming, and documentation of capacity. The Board will continue the work of MSCCSP's alternative corrections options survey to address gaps in services with JRA reinvestment funds and improve utilization and adoption of model programs by highlighting county-level model programs. There was consensus among the Board that a more in-depth strategic planning effort was needed to help the Oversight Board guide local reinvestment, and a special planning meeting will be called for January.

III. Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD)

Daniel Atzmon, Law Enforcement Diversion Expansion Coordinator provided an overview of the Baltimore City LEAD pilot program begun in 2016 to bring the national LEAD model to Maryland. The program was funded from a combination of sources, including GOCCP, and involves training for law enforcement to use their discretionary authority to divert low-level nonviolent offenses at the point of arrest. Instead of booking, offenders are connected with trauma-informed case management staff address their existing needs and assist with any further criminal justice involvement. In partnership with public health, local prosecutors, public defenders, and human services, who work together to deflect the individual from further justice involvement. Nationally, evaluations of lead have found that participants are 58% less likely to be arrested after enrollment, and the Baltimore pilot has had a rearrest/recidivism rate of less than 3%. Mr. Atzmon detailed statewide efforts to assist local counties in establishing LEAD programs and incorporating deflection into multiple stages of the criminal justice system, and the cost-saving nature of LEAD as a response to rising inmate populations and recidivism rates. Board members discussed the implementation of similar deflection programs across Maryland, and how implementation could build upon different county strengths, such as primary engagement from corrections entities. It was noted that one of the primary reinvestment categories of performance incentive grants is expansion of diversion programming, such as LEAD, which may help counties fund future efforts.

IV. Reinvestment Recommendations- Behavioral Health & Criminal Justice Partnership

In response to discussions on the goals of JRA, a subgroup of the Behavioral Health & Criminal Justice Partnership presented seven recommendations for JRA reinvestment programs based upon documented needs of the justice involved population in Maryland. Representatives from service agencies spoke to needs that impact stability during reentry, such as employer partnerships in job training programs and nondiscriminatory supportive housing. There was a strong focus on effective program models that supplement alternative corrections options by deflecting and diverting individuals with behavioral health needs away from arrest and traditional incarceration, both pre and post release. The group also discussed the potential expansion of telemedicine as a tool to expand access to treatment within the criminal justice system, either during incarceration or during supervision. A key need was also adequate workforce and sustainability of staff as the most important investment in programs that change the standard operation of the criminal justice system. Board members expressed a desire to learn more about successful models of telemedicine that could be leveraged in Maryland and programs that co-locate services to improve reentry outcomes.

V. Good of the Order & Adjournment

The Commission was advised that all materials discussed would be disseminated and eventually published on GOCCP's website, with dates for a January meeting to follow. One

internal recommendation was to extend the length of future meetings and to enable a remote video or call in option for representatives disproportionately impacted by commute times. The meeting was adjourned at 1:38 p.m.